# MASTER CONTRACT

# BETWEEN

# REMSEN-UNION COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

# AND

# REMSEN-UNION EDUCATION ASSOCIATION

FOR

2006-2007

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#### **ARTICLE I - DEFINITIONS**

#### A. REPRESENTATION

The Remsen-Union Education Association, an affiliate of the Iowa State Education Association and the National Education Association, is the certified bargaining representative for all persons employed by the Board of Education of the Remsen-Union Community School District as set forth in the certification instrument issued by the Public Employment Relations Board on the 5th day of August, 1992, (Case no. 4716), whether under verbal or written contract or on leave.

The bargaining unit described in the above certification is as follows:

INCLUDE: All professional employees of the district including teachers, counselors, librarians,

federal program employees, coaches, and all other employed in a professional

capacity.

EXCLUDE: The superintendent, principals, all non-professional employees, and all others

excluded by Section 4 or the Act. Non-professional employees shall include, but not be limited to, the following: custodians, secretaries, bus drivers, lunchroom

personnel, and other non-certified personnel.

#### B. DEFINITIONS

- 1. The term "Board", as used in this Agreement, shall mean the Board of Education of the Remsen-Union Community School District or its duly authorized representative(s).
- 2. The term 'District', as used in this Agreement, shall mean the Remsen-Union Community School District.
- 3. The term "Association", as used in this Agreement, shall mean the Remsen-Union Education Association or its duly authorized representative(s).
- 4. The term "Employee", as used in this Agreement, shall mean a (all) person(s) represented by this Association in the bargaining unit as defined and certified by the Public Employment Relations Board.

#### ARTICLE II - DUES DEDUCTION

#### A. ASSOCIATION

Any employee who is a member of the Association, or who has applied for membership, may sign and deliver to the Board or its designee an assignment authorizing payroll deduction of organizational dues, fees, and donations. The form of the assignment shall be set forth in Appendix A.

# B. REGULAR DEDUCTION

Pursuant to receipt of a proper deduction authorization, the Board shall deduct one-tenth (1/10) of the total amount authorized from the regular salary check of the employee each month for ten (10) months, beginning in October and ending in July.

# C. PRORATED DEDUCTION

Employees who begin deduction after September shall have the total amount prorated on the basis of the remaining months of employment through August.

# D. DURATION

Such authorization to deduct shall continue in effect from year to year unless revoked by thirty (30) days written notice to the Board and to the Association.

#### E. HOLD HARMLESS

The Association agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the Board, each individual member of the Board and all agents of the Board against all claims, costs, suits or other liability and all court costs arising out of the application of Section A - D of this Article.

#### F. OTHER DEDUCTIONS

Upon appropriate written authorization from the employee, the Board shall deduct from the salary of any employee and make appropriate remittance for annuities, and any other program approved by the Board and Association.

#### ARTICLE III - GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

#### A. DEFINITIONS

- 1. Grievance A "grievance" shall mean only a claim that there has been a violation, misinterpretation, or misapplication of specific provision of this Agreement.
- 2. Grievant A "grievant" is the employee, group of employees or the Association making the complaint.
- 3. Days As used in this Article, the term "days" means employee working days.

#### B. GENERAL PROCEDURES

1. Time Limits - The number of days indicated at each level shall be considered as a maximum. The time limits specified may, however, be extended by mutual written agreement.

The failure of a grievant to act on any grievance within the prescribed time limits will act as a bar to any further appeal, and an administrator's failure to give a decision within the time limits shall permit the grievant to proceed to the next step.

2. Year-End Grievances - If a grievance is filed or if a grievant has a right to file a grievance at such time that it cannot be processed through all the steps in this grievance procedure by the end of the school year, the time limits set forth herein shall be proportionately reduced so that an arbitrator is selected prior to the end of the school year, or within a maximum of twenty-one (21) calendar days thereafter.

If a grievant fails to meet the deadline set forth in this paragraph for reasons, which are not attributable to the grievant, then the grievant shall not be barred from processing the grievance.

- 3. Superintendent Level Decision Whenever the decision, giving rise to a grievance was made by the Superintendent, the grievant must file the grievance beginning at the Second Step and must do so within fifteen (15) days of the decision.
- 4. Right to Representation The grievant shall have the right to representation at all levels of the grievance procedure. If an individual grievant does not continue the grievance, the Association may continue the grievance to the succeeding levels.
- 5. Continuity of Instructional Program It is agreed that any investigation or processing of any grievance by the grievant shall be conducted so as to result, insofar as possible, in no interference with or interruption of the instructional program of the grievant or of the teaching staff.

#### C. PROCESSING GRIEVANCES

First Step (Principal)

Within fifteen (15) days of the act, which gave rise to a grievance, the grievant shall complete, deliver, and file with the principal the written Grievance Report form set forth in Appendix "B". The parties shall meet to discuss the grievance within ten (10) days of the Principal's receipt of the Grievance Report. Within ten (10) days following the meeting, the principal shall make a decision on the grievance, enter such decision on the Grievance Report form, and communicate such decision in writing to the grievant, the Association, and Superintendent.

# 2. Second Step (Superintendent)

In the event a grievance has not been satisfactorily resolved at the First Step, the grievant shall file a copy of the grievance with the Superintendent within fifteen (15) days of the Principal's written decision at the First Step. Within ten (10) days after such written grievance is filed the grievant and Superintendent shall meet to resolve the grievance. The Superintendent shall file an answer within ten (10) days of the Second Step grievance meeting and communicate it in writing to the grievant, the Association and the principal.

# 3. Third Step (Arbitration)

If the Association determines that the grievance has merit, it may submit the grievance to arbitration by written notice to the Superintendent or to the Board of Education. Such notice shall be given within fifteen (15) days of receipt of the Superintendent's decision.

Within ten (10) days after such written notice of submission to arbitration, the Association shall make a request to the Public Employment Relations Board for a list of seven (7) arbitrators listed with the American Arbitration Association. Within five (5) days of receipt of the Public Employment Relations Board list, the parties shall determine by lot the first strike and shall then alternately strike names until one remains. He/she shall be the arbitrator.

The arbitrator selected will confer with the representatives of the Board and the Association, hold hearing(s), and issue his/her decision not later than twenty-one (21) calendar days from the date of the close of the hearings, or, if oral hearings have been waived, from the date the final statements, proofs, and/or briefs are submitted. The arbitrator's decision will be in writing and will set forth his/her findings of fact, reasoning, and conclusions on the issues submitted. The arbitrator shall be without power or authority to make any decision other than one, which interprets the terms of this Agreement. The decision of the arbitrator shall be final and binding upon the parties.

The costs for the services of the arbitrator, including per diem expenses, if any, travel and subsistence expenses and the cost of any hearing room will be borne equally by the Board and the Association.

#### D. EXCLUSIVE GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

A grievance shall be presented on the Grievance Report form, Appendix "B", attached hereto.

# E. GRIEVANCE FILES

All documents, communications, and records dealing with the processing of a grievance shall be filed separately from the personnel files of the participants.

#### ARTICLE IV - WORK DAY

# A. WORK DAY

The regular employee in-school workday for full-time employees shall consist of eight (8) consecutive hours per day with the workday being from 7:45 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. Once selected the workday shall remain in effect for the school year unless the parties mutually agree to a change. On

Fridays and days preceding holidays or vacation periods, the work day shall end following the departure of buses from the high school.

# B. LUNCH PERIOD

Each employee shall have a lunch period of at least twenty-five (25) minutes each day. This lunch period shall be duty-free for four (4) out of each five (5) day cycle. This shall not be interpreted to mean that one (1) lunch period per week will be fully scheduled with supervision of students.

#### C. PREPARATION TIME

The Association reserves the right to propose specific changes about prep time procedures and wishes to talk with the Board or Board Representative about these issues.

#### D. INCLEMENT WEATHER

Employees shall not be required to report more than one-half hour before or remain after student attendance is required on occasions of amended student attendance hours because of inclement weather. Employees shall not be required to report when student attendance is cancelled because of inclement weather.

# E. DUTIES OUTSIDE THE REGULAR WORK DAY

It is recognized that the total school program includes such events and activities as plays, athletics, music programs, open houses, parent-teacher conferences and programs, faculty meetings and all other similar school type functions and programs. It is understood that teachers may be required to attend or participate in these functions and programs. The administration will make an effort to schedule the meetings within the regular school day.

Employees shall be required to work no more than three (3) events such as athletic contests, drama, music, etc. Employees will be compensated for these required duties at the rate set forth in Schedule B. A schedule of work assignments shall be provided at the beginning of the school year. It is understood that the schedule is subject to being changed, if necessary. Non-compensated events rescheduled to Saturday or Sunday will not be mandatory as work assignments.

# F. SHORTENED DAY

Anytime there is an unscheduled shortened day due to unforeseen circumstances such as weather, the district will not be required to compensate teachers for lost preparation time either through reduction of period length or cancellation of a class or program. However, if the loss of preparation time is due to another employee's absence, compensation will be provided. (according to the rate set in Schedule B, Supplemental Pay of this provision.)

# ARTICLE V - VACATIONS AND HOLIDAYS

### A. VACATIONS

Employees shall receive unpaid vacation on the following days:

- 1. The Friday following Thanksgiving
- 2. From Christmas Eve through January 1, and
- 3. On the Friday before and the Monday following Easter Sunday.

President's Day may be used as a snow makeup day. If the President's Day is used as a snow makeup day, then up to four (4) employees may use personal leave on this day provided they have made personal commitments which cannot reasonably be altered and which were made prior to the occurrence of the snow day.

If the snow day occurs prior to President's Day, the Association shall notify the Superintendent whether it would prefer that President's Day or the day after spring parent-teacher conferences be

used as a snow make-up day. If President's Day is used as a make-up day, the employee shall be granted one (1) additional paid floating holiday. Employees desiring to use the floating holiday shall submit a request for the floating holiday leave in writing to the Superintendent at least three (3) working days prior to the requested leave. No floating holiday shall be granted on the work day immediately preceding or the work day immediately following a holiday or a vacation period, except at the discretion of the Superintendent.

#### B. HOLIDAYS

Employees shall receive six (6) paid holidays:

 Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, New Year's Day, President's Day, Memorial Day

No employee shall be required to perform duties on any of these holidays, except that the Band Director may be required to perform duties on Memorial Day and shall be paid one-half of the employee's regular contract per diem rate of pay for such work.

#### ARTICLE VI - WAGES AND SALARIES

#### A. SCHOOL YEAR

The number of days in the school year shall be determined by the Board at the outset of negotiations. The salary schedule is based upon a one hundred ninety-two (192) day school year. Any additional days will be paid at per diem. If the state mandates and pays for additional days, District will pay the per diem rate. If the Board desires to increase this number of days the proposed salary schedule will be open to negotiation.

#### B. REGULAR SALARY SCHEDULE

The salary of full-time employees are set forth in the salary schedule contained in Schedule "A".

The salaries of part-time employees shall be at a ratio proportionate to their part-time service.

If the contract of an individual teacher provides for work on more than 192 days, then the additional days beyond 192 shall be compensated according to the per diem basis.

Starting with the 2001-2002 school year, teachers who are at the end of a horizontal lane shall receive a career increment equal to a step plus the amount of increase to the base salary. Those teachers receiving a career increment prior to the 2001-2002 school year, shall continue to receive one hundred four percent (104%) of their previous year's salary, as long as they are employed with the Remsen-Union Community School District.

# C. CONTINUING EMPLOYEE PLACEMENT ON SALARY SCHEDULE

Each employee shall be placed on his/her proper step of the salary schedule as of the effective date of this agreement as set out in Addendum 2.

#### D. PLACEMENT OF NEW HIRES

Upon initial employment, up to seven (7) years credit on the employee salary schedule shall be given for previous outside teaching experience in a duly accredited school, and full educational lane credit shall be given for undergraduate and graduate school credits earned. Added years of experience may be given by Board approval. New hires without previous teaching experience shall be placed at the base step of the lane appropriate to their education. Educational lane placement will be in accordance with Board policy.

#### E. PLACEMENT OF FORMER EMPLOYEES

An employee with previous teaching experience in the District shall receive full credit on the salary schedule for all years of teaching experience with the Remsen-Union Community School District and shall be granted up to seven (7) years credit for teaching experience outside the District. Education lane placement will be in accordance with Board policy.

#### F. ADVANCEMENT ON SALARY SCHEDULE

#### 1. Vertical Advancement

Employees shall be granted one (1) vertical step on the schedule for each year of service until maximum for their education classification has been reached. A year of service consists of employment in the District for ninety-seven (97) or more days of one school year.

#### 2. Horizontal Advancement

In order to change from one education lane to another, employees must file their request to do so with the Superintendent on or before the first workshop day of the school year in which the employee seeks advancement. Such request shall include the education lane in which the employee will be placed. The employee shall file a transcript of grades of the courses to be used for such advancement by October 1 of the school year in which the employee seeks advancement.

Credits for educational lane advancement shall be governed by Board policy.

If the employee fails to file a transcript of grades by October 1, then the employee shall be placed in the same salary schedule lane as the preceding school year, until such time that the transcript is provided.

#### G. METHOD OF PAYMENT

- 1. Pay Periods Each employee shall be paid in twelve (12) equal installments by the fifth calendar day of each month. Each employee shall receive his/her checks at his/her regular building(s) and on regular school days unless otherwise designated by the employee.
- 2. Exceptions When a pay date falls on or during a school holiday, vacation, or weekend, employees shall receive their paychecks on the last previous working day.
- 3. Final School Year Pay Each employee shall have the option of receiving all or any part of his/her earned contracted salary on the June pay period, dependent on the availability of District funds.
- 4. Summer Checks summer checks shall be mailed to the address designated by the employee or be available at the District office on or before the pay period days listed above.

# H. H.F. 499 PROGRAMS

- 1. Phase I and II Phase I and II monies are incorporated into the attached salary Schedule A.
- 2. If the legislation regarding H.F. 499 is amended or if the funding formula or monies appropriated for H.F. 499 are changed, then the parties agree to negotiate regarding the amendment or change in funding.

# I. CLASSROOM PURCHASES

1. Teachers will be given a maximum of \$100 to be used in their classroom during the calendar school year utilizing generally accepted accounting procedures. The Superintendent will approve all purchases. This would be in addition to the year-end supplies provided by the school. The nonperishable items will remain with the school and the materials must be ordered by May 1st of the current school.

#### ARTICLE VII - INSURANCE

#### A. COVERAGE

Board-provided insurance programs shall be twelve (12) consecutive months (beginning September 1st and ending August 31st). Employees new to the District shall be covered by Board-provided insurances no later than August 15th or the first day the month following the date of their initial employment, whichever comes last.

#### B. DESCRIPTIONS

The plan to be in effect is the Wellmark PPO/250 Plan.

# C. SELECTION OF CARRIERS

The Board shall select all insurance program carriers. There shall be opportunities for summer preenrollment and other open enrollment as provided by the carrier. No reduction in benefits shall occur because of a change in carriers.

#### D. BOARD-PROVIDED INSURANCE PROGRAMS

1. Health, Major Medical and Dental - For 2006-2007, the employee shall receive four hundred and seventy (\$470.00) per month toward health, major medical and dental insurance. The difference between four hundred seventy (\$470.00) and the cost of the employee premium for health, major medical and dental may be (1) applied toward dependent health, major medical and dental: (2) taken in cash: or (3) applied towards an annuity. This money shall be distributed on a pro-rata basis of the employee's full-time employment.

All employees shall be required to purchase single health, major medical and dental insurance except: (1) those exempted according to the provisions of addendum 1 - only for single health and major medical insurance; (2) married couples who are both employed by the District, where one must purchase single and the other spouse is covered by the family policy; and those part-time employees who do not or cannot take single insurance.

- 2. Life Each employee may elect to be covered by a term life insurance program that provides twenty thousand (\$20,000) dollars in term life coverage with standard accidental death and dismemberment provisions. The cost will be paid by the employee through payroll deduction.
- 3. Disability Each employee may elect to be covered by a long-term disability insurance program. The cost will be paid by the employee through payroll deduction.

#### ARTICLE VIII - SUPPLEMENTAL PAY

#### A. EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

- 1. Approved Activities The extra-curricular activities listed in Schedule B are official school-sponsored activities. Index Schedule for Supplemental Pay.
- 2. Rates of Pay Employee participation in extra-curricular activities, which extend beyond the contracted workday, shall be compensated according to the rate of pay and/or other stipulations in Schedule B. Removed Drivers Education from Supplemental Pay Schedule.
  - a. Agree to add Newsletter Advisor to supplemental Duties @ 0.04.

#### ARTICLE IX - SICK LEAVE

# A. ACCUMULATION BENEFITS

Each employee shall be provided eleven (11) sick leave days each year as of the first official work day of said school year whether or not he/she reports for duty on that day. In the second year, twelve (12) days shall be credited. In years three through five, the number of days credited shall be increased by one (1) each year. Thereafter, fifteen (15) days shall be credited. Unused sick leave shall be accumulated from year to year with a maximum accumulation of one hundred and ten (110) days.

#### B. NOTIFICATION

Notification of sick leave will be provided to employees by September 15 and will be provided on the employee's pay stub.

#### C. USE OF SICK LEAVE

Sick leave is granted for medically related disability and is intended to be used only when an employee's physical or mental illness or injury prevents him/her from performing his/her normal duties.

#### D. PROOF OF ILLNESS

The Superintendent may require the employee to furnish a doctor's statement to substantiate illness or injury for which sick leave benefits are requested.

#### E. EXTENDED LEAVE

An employee who is unable to work because of personal illness or disability and who has exhausted all sick leave and personal leave available shall be granted a leave of absence for the duration of the school year. The Board and the employee shall renew this leave for one additional year upon mutual agreement. Insurance benefits shall be continued at the expense of the Board until the completion of the school year in which the leave was initially granted. Thereafter, insurance benefits may be continued at the employee's expense subject to the approval of the insurance carrier.

# F. SICK LEAVE BANK

The Board agrees to establish a sick leave bank as individual need arises.

### ARTICLE X - TEMPORARY LEAVES

# A. PERSONAL LEAVE

Regular full-time employees shall be granted two days of personal leave to accomplish personal business, which cannot be conducted outside the school day. Employees, who do not use a day or days of personal leave granted in sentence 1 of this provision, shall be paid an amount equal to the cost of the substitute teacher.

Employees desiring to use personal leave shall submit a request for the leave in writing to the Superintendent at least three (3) working days prior to the requested leave day. No personal leave shall be granted on the work day immediately preceding or the work day immediately following a holiday or a vacation period, except at the discretion of the superintendent nor shall any personal leave be granted on a day on which parent-teacher conferences are held.

# B. PROFESSIONAL LEAVE

The Superintendent may grant one day of leave each school year to each regular full-time employee for the purpose of attending professional meetings. Professional leave may be accumulated to a total of two (2) days. Additional days may be approved by the Superintendent and shall only be granted for the improvement of classroom instruction. Expenses relating to the professional

meetings shall be paid by the Board up to \$300.00 for actual incurred expenses for registration, lodging and gas.

#### C. BEREAVEMENT LEAVE

An employee shall be excused from duty without loss of pay for five (5) days per occurrence in event of a death in the employee's immediate family (parent, spouse, child, sibling, parent-in-law, or sibling-in-law), for three (3) days per occurrence in event of the death of a grandchild or grandparent, and for one (1) day per contract year for the death of a friend or a relative not included above.

# D. JURY DUTY LEAVE

Any employee who is summoned for jury duty during the school hours, or who is subpoenzed to testify as a witness in a judicial or administrative proceeding to which he/she is not a party shall be provided leave with pay for such duty or testimony and shall return to work upon completion of their jury duty or testimony. Any payment for jury duty shall be paid to the school district.

# E. FAMILY ILLNESS

Employee shall be allowed to take a maximum of five (5) days per school year for family illness. "Family" shall be defined as spouse, parent, sibling or child. Family illness leave shall be considered a last resort and such leave shall only be allowed when the employee can demonstrate that no other arrangements can be made for the care of the family member. In the event that additional family illness leave days may be needed, an employee may use up to two (2) sick leave days as family illness leave. This would be done as a family illness arises.

# F. GOOD CAUSE LEAVE

Other temporary leaves of absence, with or without pay, may be granted by the Superintendent for good cause.

#### G. ASSOCIATION LEAVE

Up to a total of four (4) days per year shall be granted to employees to attend the ISEA Delegate Assembly or to attend an Association conference or meeting. The Association shall reimburse the District for the cost of the substitute teacher if a substitute teacher is hired to replace the employee. The Association shall give the Superintendent at least three (3) working days notice prior to any use of Association leave by an employee.

# ARTICLE XI - EXTENDED LEAVES OF ABSENCE

# A. PARENTAL LEAVE

Parental leave will be available to employees for the birth of a child or the adoption of a child one-year of age or younger.

Employees who wish to take an extended leave of absence for child rearing shall notify the Superintendent immediately of their intent so that arrangements may be made for an effective transition of responsibilities to a substitute.

Employees who adopt a child shall receive up to fifteen (15) days of paid parental leave. Employees who give birth to a child and who have fewer than fifteen (15) days of sick leave as of the day of the birth of the child shall receive supplemental paid parental leave sufficient to increase the total number of paid sick leave days plus parental leave days to fifteen (15). Employees desiring additional parental leave may make a request for unpaid leave in accordance with Section E of this Article.

Employees who choose to foster a child, shall have two (2) days paid parental leave per year and shall notify the superintendent in a timely manner.

As part of these arrangements, the Superintendent and the employee must reach mutual agreement on the length, the approximate beginning date, and the approximate end date of the leave and other relevant factors as determined by the Superintendent. If the employee and the Superintendent cannot make such arrangements, the Board shall act.

In reaching a mutually agreeable leave period, the effect of the employee's absence on the educational program and school district operations shall be considered. The Superintendent shall make this decision.

#### B. FAMILY LEAVE

A leave of absence without pay for up to one (1) year shall be granted to an employee for the purpose of caring for a sick or injured member of his/her immediate family. (spouse, child or parent).

# C. MILITARY LEAVE

Leave of absence shall be granted for any period of active state or federal military service. Such military leave shall be without loss of status or efficiency rating and without loss of pay or benefits during the first thirty (30) days of such leave. On completion of such military service, the employee shall be entitled to resume the position formerly held without loss of salary schedule placement or benefits, which the employee had occurred prior to taking such leave.

Any employee whose military leave exceeds a continuous period of six (6) months shall make application for reinstatement to the Board within ninety (90) days after termination of such military service.

#### D. POLITICAL OFFICE LEAVE

The Board will provide a leave of absence to employees to run for elective public office. The Superintendent shall grant an employee an unpaid leave of absence to campaign as a candidate for any elective public office.

The employee will be entitled to one period of leave to run for elective public office, and the leave may commence any time within thirty (30) days prior to a contested primary, special, or general election and shall continue until the day following the election.

The request for political office leave must be made in writing to the Superintendent at least thirty (30) days prior to the starting date of the requested leave.

#### E. UNPAID LEAVE

Unpaid leave may be used to excuse an involuntary absence not provided for in this Agreement. The Superintendent must authorize unpaid leave for employees.

The Superintendent shall grant or deny the requested unpaid leave. In making this determination, the Superintendent shall consider the effect of the employees absence on the education program and the school district operations, the employee's length of service, the employee's previous record of absence, the reason for the requested leave and any other factors the Superintendent believes are relevant to making this decision.

If unpaid leave is granted, the duration of the leave shall not exceed one (1) year and shall be coordinated with the scheduling of the educational program whenever possible to minimize the disruption of the education program and school district operations.

Whenever possible, employees shall make a written request for unpaid leave at least ten (10) days prior to the beginning date of the requested leave. If the leave is granted, deductions in salary shall be made for insurance programs unless these deductions are specifically waived in writing by the Superintendent.

Employees granted leave under this Section shall be able to continue at their own expense the insurance benefits provided by this Agreement.

### ARTICLE XII - EMPLOYEE EVALUATION PROCEDURE

#### A. EVALUATION PROCEDURES AND FORMS

- 1. Evaluation forms and criteria used for the Career Teacher Evaluation Procedure will be agreed upon by the Remsen-Union Education Association and the administration for the 2006-2007 School year and is included in the Teacher Evaluation Model
- 2. Coaching Evaluation all designated head high school and junior high coaches will be evaluated on a yearly basis.
- 3. Evaluation File An employee shall have the right to inspect and copy contents of the employee's personal file under the supervision of the Superintendent or designee. Such inspections shall be limited to the contents placed in the file after the employment date. The file will contain all formal and informal written evaluations of the employee's performance. No formal or informal evaluation shall be placed in the file without a copy of having first been given to the employee.
- 4. Right to Grieve The substance of evaluations conducted under this Article shall be subject to the Grievance Procedure of this Agreement. The evaluation shall be sustained unless it is unfair, unjust, inaccurate or without basis in fact.

#### ARTICLE XIII - STAFF REDUCTION PROCEDURES

#### A. CLASSIFICATION

- 1. Employees shall be classified in the following manner for purposes of staff reduction and shall be laid off in accordance with said classifications; K-5, 6-12 grade level areas. Reduction in the 6-12 grade level area shall be within curriculum departments. Reduction in art, music, physical education, special education, TAG, Chapter I, and library shall be within a K-12 classification.
- 2. Employees shall be classified based upon their teaching assignment during the school year in which staff reduction procedures are commenced, however, seniority shall be based on the number of years of continuous employment in the Remsen-Union Community District.

An employee with an assignment in more than one of the categories listed above in this section shall be classified in the curriculum department in which he/she has the largest number of periods of assignment.

If the number of periods of an employee's assignment are equal, then the employee shall be classified in the curriculum department with the greatest length of service.

# B. LAYOFF PROCEDURES

- 1. The Superintendent shall first attempt to make all staff reduction through attrition.
- 2. If attrition fails to accomplish the reduction in staff, then employees in the classification in which reduction is sought shall be laid off on the basis of seniority with the least senior employee being selected for lay off first (the "designee").

- 3. The designee shall then be pooled with all employees currently teaching in those areas of the designee's certification in which the designee has taught for the Remsen-Union Community School District.
- 4. The employee(s) to be laid off in the pool described in B (3) above shall be determined on the basis of seniority with the least senior employee being laid off first. The process shall be repeated until the least senior employee possible in the classification (K-5, 6-12) or K-12 has been laid off.

# C. RECALL PROCEDURES

- 1. If there is a vacancy in any bargaining unit position, laid off employees with certification for the vacant position and previous teaching experience in the School District in the department in which the vacancy has occurred shall be recalled in reverse order of layoff.
- 2. An employee who, for reasons of staff reduction or realignment, resigns upon request shall be accorded the recall rights provided by this Article.
- 3. A laid off employee shall retain rights for two (2) years from the effective date of the layoff unless the employee waives these rights in writing. The effective date of the layoff shall be the last work day of the year in which the layoff was affected.
- 4. The laid off employee shall keep the Superintendent advised of his/her current address. Notice of recall shall be given by certified mail to the employee at his/her current address. If the employee fails to respond within fourteen (14) calendar days after the date of the mailing of the notice, the employee will be deemed to have refused the offer of recall. The employee shall be informed of the fourteen (14)-calendar day limitation in the letter communicating the offer of recall. Employees who are offered recall shall have only one opportunity to accept or reject a job offer by the Board.

#### D. BENEFITS

Employees who are recalled under the provisions of this Article will be placed on the salary schedule at the last step, which they attained at the time of their layoff and their sick leave benefits accumulated as of the effective date of their layoff shall be restored.

## E. SUPREMACY OF THE RECALL LIST

Notwithstanding any other provision in the Agreement, no vacancy in a bargaining unit position will be filled by the Board and no work previously performed by employees in the bargaining unit shall be performed by any non-bargaining unit employee until the recall procedures set forth in this Article have been completed.

#### ARTICLE XIV - TRANSFER PROCEDURES

#### A. DEFINITION

As used in this Article, the term "transfer" shall mean: (1) the movement of a employee from grades K-5 to grades 6-12 or from grades 6-12 to grades K-5, (2) the movement of employees between grade levels if the movement is from grades K-3 to 4-5 or from grades 4-5 to K-3, (3) movement between curriculum departments in grades 6-12, and (4) movement from K-12 to either K-5 or 6-12.

#### B. NOTIFICATION

Notice of each vacancy shall be posted for five (5) days before the position may be filled. Notices will be posted in all employee workrooms.

# C. VOLUNTARY TRANSFER PROCEDURE

Employees who desire a transfer shall file a written request with the Superintendent for the position to which they seek to be transferred. The request for transfer shall be filed not later than the last

date specified on the posting for the position. Any employee who applies for a transfer will be given an interview and will be notified, in writing, whether the transfer is granted or not.

The decision regarding a voluntary transfer shall be made by the Superintendent based upon the qualifications of the employee and the needs of the School District. An interview will be given to an voluntary transfer requesting the position and that person will be notified in writing if transfer is granted or not.

# D. INVOLUNTARY TRANSFERS

An involuntary transfer is a transfer initiated by the Principal, or the Superintendent. The decision regarding an involuntary transfer shall be made by the Superintendent based upon the certification and seniority of the employee and the needs of the School District. The teacher will be notified in writing within ten (10) days of the transfer decision being made.

#### E. POOL TRANFERS

Individuals who transfer voluntarily or involuntarily from one pool to another do not lose their district wide seniority as defined in Article XV Section A.

#### ARTICLE XV - SENIORITY

#### A. DEFINITION

Seniority is defined as the number of years of continuous employment in the Remsen-Union Community School District or its predecessors.

#### B. SENIORITY DETERMINATION

Seniority shall be District-wide and shall be computed from the date on which the employee signed his/her individual contract. Employees who work more than halftime or who work full-time for more than one-half the school year shall receive full seniority. Employees who work half-time or less shall receive pro-rated seniority. One full year of seniority equals full-time employment for a school year. If two or more employees have the same seniority date, then, for purposes of this agreement, the relative order of seniority shall be determined by drawing lots.

# C. SENIORITY LIST

No later than September 30 of each school year, the District shall post in each building and deliver to the Association a list showing the seniority of each employee employed by the Board.

#### ARTICLE XVI - HEALTH AND SAFETY PROVISIONS

#### A. PHYSICAL FITNESS

In compliance with the regulations of the Iowa Department of Education, all employees shall be required to have a physical exam by a licensed physician which establishes that they are fit to perform the duties of their position and are free from communicable diseases. After the initial physical exam, employees should be required to comply with regulations established by the Iowa Department of Education.

#### B. UNSAFE AND HAZARDOUS CONDITION

Employees shall not be required to work under unsafe or hazardous conditions or to perform tasks, which endanger their health, safety, or well being, as defined by federal and state statutes, rules, regulations, and recommendations in regard to employee health and safety.

#### ARTICLE XVII - IN-SERVICE TRAINING

#### A. IN-SERVICE TRAINING

- 1. "In-Service" training means any training other than that received by an individual in a full-time program, which leads to a degree.
- 2. Other training means full-time training leading to a degree.

#### B. COMMITTEE

A committee of administration and teachers will formulate a plan of in-service for the upcoming school year. Two (2) teachers are to be selected by the association for this committee. A list of inservice ideas will be provided by the administration for this committee to approve for the in-services for the 2006-2007 school year. The in-service plan will be presented to the Board.

#### ARTICLE XVIII - MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

#### A. SEPARABILITY

Should any article, section or clause of the Agreement be declared illegal by a court of last resort having competent jurisdiction, then such article, section or clause shall be deleted from this Agreement to the extent that it violates the law, and the parties shall enter into negotiations to replace the invalid provision.

## B. COMPLIANCE CLAUSE

Any individual contract between the Board and an individual employee shall be subject to and consistent with the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

#### C. PRINTING

Within thirty (30) days following the signing of this Agreement and upon joint approval of the format, copies of this Agreement shall be printed.

The Agreement shall be presented to all certified employees now employed and subsequently employed during the period of this Agreement. The District and the Association will receive ten (10) additional copies of the Agreement.

The parties shall share all costs of printing the Agreement equally.

## D. DURATION

This Agreement shall be effective from July 1, 2006, until June 30, 2007.

The settlement for the 2006-2007 Master Contract shall be a total package of 5.44%.

#### E. SIGNATURE CLAUSE

President

Remsen-Union Education Association

President

Remsen-Union Board of Directors

# APPENDIX A DUES DEDUCTION FORM

Authorization for payroll deduction for Education Association Dues:

First Name	Initial	Last Name
District as my remitting age each month until this autho provide for monthly paymen	prize the Board of Education of the Remsent, to deduct, according to the provisions of prization is changed or revoked as provided at of the prevailing rate of dues which amount the treasurer of the Remsen-Union Education	of Article 2, from my earnings herein, a sufficient amount to at is to be remitted each month
this date and shall continue	thorization shall begin on October or on the e through June from the date hereof, and ar unless revoked in writing by a thirty (30) da	shall thereafter continue for
verification to the Board of I that satisfactory arrangement event I do not furnish said	at in the event my employment terminates Education form the Association that my dues ts have been made with the Association for prediction it is understood that the balanment from the Remsen-Union Community Science of the Community Science of the Remsen-Union	s are paid in full for the year or payment of those dues. In the ice of the year's dues shall be
Date:	Signature:	
	Social Security #	

# APPENDIX B GRIEVANCE FORM

	Date Filed
Community School District	Distribution of Form
Building  Name of Aggrieved Person	<ol> <li>Employee</li> <li>Appropriate Supervisor</li> <li>Superintendent</li> <li>Association</li> </ol>
Leve	l One
A. Date Alleged violation occurred	
B. Section(s) of Contract violated	
C. Statement of Grievance	
D. Relief sought	
Signature of Principal	Date
Signature of Grievant	Date
A. Disposition by Principal or Immediate Superv	isor
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Signature of Principal or Immediate Supervisor	Date

# Level Two

	Signature of Aggrieved Person		Date Received by Su	perintendent
	Disposition by Superintendent	or Designee _		
			•	
	Sign	nature of Supe		Date
		or Desig		
		Leve	el Three	
A.				
	Signature of Aggrieved Person	on	Signature of Association	on President
В.	Date Submitted to Arbitration			
	Date Submitted to Arbitration	on	Date Received by A	rbitrator
3.	Disposition and Award of Arbi	itrator		
				<u> </u>
If a	dditional space is needed, attach	additional she	ets.)	
			•	
		Si	gnature of Arbitrator	Date of
			Similar of Filbidator	Decision

# ADDENDUM 1

# **INSURANCE**

Any employee employed for the 1992-93 school year not taking single insurance shall continue to have the option of taking the amount as cash, with FICA/IPERS removed before distribution.

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		BASE	= 22,275			BASE = \$22,725					
STEP	BA	BA+12	BA+24	MA	MA+15	STEP	BA	BA+12	BA+24	MA	MA+15
0	1.00	1.04_	1.08	1.12	1.16	0	22,725	23,634	24,543	25,452	26,36
1	1.04	1.08	1.12	1.16	1.20	1	23,634	24,543	25,452	26,361	27,27
2	1.08	1.12	1.16	1.20	1.24	2	24,543	25,452	26,361	27,270	28,17
3	1.12	1.16	1.20	1.24	1.28	3	25,452	26,361	27,270	28,179	29,08
4	1.16	1.20	1.24	1.28	1.32	4	26,361	27,270	28,179	29,088	29,99
5	1.20	1.24	1.28	1.32	1.36	5	27,270	28,179	29,088	29,997	30,90
6	1.24	1.28	1.32	1.36	1.40	6	28,179	29,088	29,997	30,906	31,81
7	1.28	1.32	1.36	1.40	1.44	7	29,088	29,997	30,906	31,815	32,72
8	1.32	1.36	1.40	1.44	1.48	8	29,997	30,906	31,815	32,724	33,63
9	1.36	1.40	1.44	1.48	1.52	9	30,906	31,815	32,724	33,633	34,54
10	1.40	1.44	1.48	1.52	1.56	10	31,815	32,724	33,633	34,542	35,45
11	1.44	1.48	1.52	1.56	1.60	11	32,724	33,633	34,542	35,451	36,36
12	1.48	1.52	1.56	1.60	1.64	12	33,633	34,542	35,451	36,360	37,26
13	1.52	1.56	1.60	1.64	1.68	13	34,542	35,451	36,360	37,269	38,17
14	1.56	1.60	1.64	1.68	1.72	14	35,451	36,360	37,269	38,178	39,08
15	1.60	1.64	1.68	1.72	1.76	15	36,360	37,269	38,178	39,087	39,99
16	1.64	1.68	1.72	1.76	1.80	16	37,269	38,178	39,087	39,996	40,90
17	1.68	1.72	1.76	1.80	1.84	17	38,178	39,087	39,996	40,905	41,81
18	1.72	1.76	1.80	1.84	1.88	18	39,087	39,996	40,905	41,814	42,72
19	1.76	1.80	1.84	1.88	1.92	19	39,996	40,905	41,814	42,723	43,63
20		1.84	1.88	1.92	1.96	20		41,814	42,723	43,632	44,54
21		1.88	1.92	1.96	2.00	21		42,723	43,632	44,541	45,45
22			1.96	2.00	2.04	22			44,541	45,450	46,35

Position	Base	0-1 years	Cost	2-3 years	Cost	4-5 years	Cost	6-7 years	Cost	8-9 years	Cost	10-11 years	Cost	12-13 years	Cost
Athletic Director	22,725	11.0%	\$2,500	11.5%	\$2,613	12.0%	\$2,727	12.5%	\$2,841	13.0%	\$2,954	13.5%	\$3,068	14.5%	\$3,295
Head Basketball	22,725	11.0%	\$2,500	11.5%	\$2,613	12.0%	\$2,727	12.5%	\$2,841	13.0%	\$2,954	13.5%	\$3,068	14.5%	\$3,295
Asst. Basketball	22,725	9.0%	\$2,045	9.5%	\$2,159	10.0%	\$2,273	10.5%	\$2,386	11.0%	\$2,500	11.5%	\$2,613	12.5%	\$2,841
Head Football	22,725	11.0%	\$2,500	11.5%	\$2,613	12.0%	\$2,727	12.5%	\$2,841	13.0%	\$2,954	13.5%	\$3,068	14.5%	\$3,295
Asst. Football	22,725	9.0%	\$2,045	9.5%	\$2,159	10.0%	\$2,273	10.5%	\$2,386	11.0%	\$2,500	11.5%	\$2,613	12.5%	\$2,841
Head Track	22,725	11.0%	\$2,500	11.5%	\$2,613	12.0%	\$2,727	12.5%	\$2,841	13.0%	\$2,954	13.5%	\$3,068	12.5%	\$2,841
Asst. Track	22,725	9.0%	\$2,045	9.5%	\$2,159	10.0%	\$2,273	10.5%	\$2,386	11.0%	\$2,500	11.5%	\$2,613	10.5%	\$2,386
Head XC	22,725	5.0%	\$1,136	5.5%	\$1,250	6.0%	\$1,364	6.5%	\$1,477	7.0%	\$1,591	7.5%	\$1,704	8.5%	\$1,932
Head XC B&G	22,725	7.0%	\$1,591	7.5%	\$1,704	8.0%	\$1,818	8.5%	\$1,932	9.0%	\$2,045	9.5%	\$2,159	10.5%	\$2,386
Head Volleyball	22,725	11.0%	\$2,500	11.5%	\$2,613	12.0%	\$2,727	12.5%	\$2,841	13.0%	\$2,954	13.5%	\$3,068	14.5%	\$3,295
Asst. Volleyball	22,725	9.0%	\$2,045	9.5%	\$2,159	10.0%	\$2,273	10.5%	\$2,386	11.0%	\$2,500	11.5%	\$2,613	12.5%	\$2,841
Head Baseball	22,725	11.0%	\$2,500	11.5%	\$2,613	12.0%	\$2,727	12.5%	\$2,841	13.0%	\$2,954	13.5%	\$3,068	14.5%	\$3,295
Asst. Baseball	22,725	9.0%	\$2,045	9.5%	\$2,159	10.0%	\$2,273	10.5%	\$2,386	11.0%	\$2,500	11.5%	\$2,613	12.5%	\$2,841
Head Softball	22,725	11.0%	\$2,500	11.5%	\$2,613	12.0%	\$2,727	12.5%	\$2,841	13.0%	\$2,954	13.5%	\$3,068	14.5%	\$3,295
Asst. Softball	22,725	9.0%	\$2,045	9.5%	\$2,159	10.0%	\$2,273	10.5%	\$2,386	11.0%	\$2,500	11.5%	\$2,613	12.5%	\$2,841
Head Golf	22,725	7.0%	\$1,591	7.5%	\$1,704	8.0%	\$1,818	8.5%	\$1,932	9.0%	\$2,045	9.5%	\$2,159	10.5%	\$2,386
Head Golf B & G	22,725	9.0%	\$2,045	9.5%	\$2,159	10.0%	\$2,273	10.5%	\$2,386	11.0%	\$2,500	11.5%	\$2,613	12.5%	\$2,841
Annual Advisor	22,725	5.0%	\$1,136	5.5%	\$1,250	6.0%	\$1,364	6.5%	\$1,477	7.0%	\$1;591	7.5%	\$1,704	8.5%	\$1,932
Band	22,725	9.0%	\$2,045	9.5%	\$2,159	10.0%	\$2,273	10.5%	\$2,386	11.0%	\$2,500	11.5%	\$2,613	12.5%	\$2,841
Drill Team	22,725	4.0%	\$909	4.5%	\$1,023	5.0%	\$1,136	5.5%	\$1,250	6.0%	\$1,364	6.5%	\$1,477	7.5%	\$1,704
Flag Sponsor	22,725	2.7%	\$614	3.2%	\$727	3.7%	\$841	4.2%	\$954	4.7%	\$1,068	5.2%	\$1,182	6.2%	\$1,409
Have Club Head	22,725	3.0%	\$682	3.5%	\$795	4.0%	\$909	4.5%	\$1,023	5.0%	\$1,136	5.5%	\$1,250	6.5%	\$1,477
Asst. Have Club	22,725	1.4%	\$318	1.9%	\$432	2.4%	\$545	2.9%	\$659	3.4%	\$773	3.9%	\$886	4.9%	\$1,114
Jr. Class Sponsor	22,725	3.0%	\$682	3.5%	\$795	4.0%	\$909	4.5%	\$1,023	5.0%	\$1,136	5.5%	\$1,250	6.5%	\$1,477
Musical	22,725	5.0%	\$1,136	5.5%	\$1,250	6.0%	\$1,364	6.5%	\$1,477	7.0%	\$1,591	7.5%	\$1,704	8.5%	\$1,932
Newspaper	22,725	4.0%	\$909	4.5%	\$1,023	5.0%	\$1,136	5.5%	\$1,250	6.0%	\$1,364	6.5%	\$1,477	8.5%	\$1,932
National Honor Society	22,725	1.4%	\$318	1.9%	\$432	2.4%	\$545	2.9%	\$659	3.4%	\$773	3.9%	\$886	4.9%	\$1,114
Cheerleading Sponsor	22,725	3.5%	\$795	4.0%	\$909	4.5%	\$1,023	5.0%	\$1,136	5.5%	\$1,250	6.0%	\$1,364	7.0%	\$1,591
Play	22,725	4.5%	\$1,023	5.0%	\$1,136	5.5%	\$1,250	6.0%	\$1,364	6.5%	\$1,477	7.0%	\$1,591	8.0%	\$1,818
Speech Contest	22,725	5.0%	\$1,136	5.5%	\$1,250	6.0%	\$1,364	6.5%	\$1,477	7.0%	\$1,591	7.5%	\$1,704	8.5%	\$1,932
Vocal (7-12)	22,725	6.5%	\$1,477	7.0%	\$1,591	7.5%	\$1,704	8.0%	\$1,818	8.5%	\$1,932	9.0%	\$2,045	10.0%	\$2,273

Vocal (TK-6)	22,725	2.5%	\$568	2.5%	\$568	2.5%	\$568	2.5%	\$568	2.5%	\$568	2.5%	\$568	2.5%	\$568
Quiz Bowl	22,725	4.5%	\$1,023	5.0%	\$1,136	5.5%	\$1,250	6.0%	\$1,364	6.5%	\$1,477	7.0%	\$1,591	8.0%	\$1,818
Renaissance	22,725	13.0%	\$2,954	13.5%	\$3,068	14.0%	\$3,182	14.5%	\$3,295	15.0%	\$3,409	15.5%	\$3,522	16.5%	\$3,750
Head Jr. High Footbal	22,725	7.0%	\$1,591	7.5%	\$1,704	8.0%	\$1,818	8.5%	\$1,932	9.0%	\$2,045	9.5%	\$2,159	10.5%	\$2,386
Asst. Jr. High Football	22,725	5.5%	\$1,250	6.0%	\$1,364	6.5%	\$1,477	7.0%	\$1,591	7.5%	\$1,704	8.0%	\$1,818	9.0%	\$2,045
JH BB.,Tr.,VB	22,725	6.5%	\$1,477	7.0%	\$1,591	7.5%	\$1,704	8.0%	\$1,818	8.5%	\$1,932	9.0%	\$2,045	10.0%	\$2,273
JH BB.,Tr.,VB	22,725	5.0%	\$1,136	5.5%	\$1,250	6.0%	\$1,364	6.5%	\$1,477	7.0%	\$1,591	7.5%	\$1,704	8.5%	\$1,932
Student Council	22,725	1.4%	\$318	1.9%	\$432	2.4%	\$545	2.9%	\$659	3.4%	\$773	3.9%	\$886		\$0
Asst. Musical	22,725	3.0%	\$682	3.5%	\$795	4.0%	\$909	4.5%	\$1,023		\$0		\$0		\$0
		445.00													

Summer Music \$15.00 Bus Chaperone \$15.00 BB Chaperone \$15.00 \$15.00 Scorekeeper Ticket Taker \$15.00 Timer \$15.00 \$15.00 Weight Room Supervisor Open Gym Supervisor \$15.00

# REMSEN-UNION COMMUNITY SCHOOLS - COACHING EVALUATION

COACH	SPORT
EVALUATOR	DATE
	Levels of Competency
1	Exceptional – Exemplary performance; well above R-U Standards
2	Commendable – Coach impacts positively upon players and school environment
3	Satisfactory – Standard for R-U Coaching Staff
4	Improvement Necessary – Planning needed to improve performance
5	Unsatisfactory – Cause for dismissal
NA	Not Applicable
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	Demonstrates competency in sport coached.
<del></del>	Promotes and maintains squad discipline as evidenced by interest, attitude, and conduct of athletes in practice and at events.
	Disciplines fairly and consistently.
	Evaluates the personnel of the team in an objective and consistent manner.
	Is interested in all athletes; is approachable, and counsels with each athlete as an individual.
	Provides supervision at each practice and contest (including locker room and shower area).
	Attends appropriate rules interpretation meetings.
<del></del>	Ensures that handbook acknowledgement, physical form and any necessary insurance forms are filed with the athletic director.
	Provides the athletic director with all requested information for official use.
	Understands and cooperates with rules and regulations set forth by all governing bodies (i.e. – State Associations, Conference, and School Board).
	Assumes responsibility for the reporting of pre-season and contest results to the necessary media.
	Provides supervision of athletic facilities when they are used and interprets the policy to the athletes.
	Insists on sanitary personal equipment and provides clean and safe facilities for the athletes to use.
	Distributes and collects the school's athletic equipment before, during and after the season, as well as being responsible for proper equipment used during all practices and contests.

<del></del>	Demonstrates self-control and pois and spectators.	se, including conduct toward players, officials,
	Communicates effectively with me	dia, booster clubs, parents, and spectators.
	Is loyal to assistant coaches, other are made.	coaches, administration, and the decisions that
	Shows respect for other coaches ar	nd teachers in relation with athletes.
	Demonstrates high character and s	ets an example as a role model.
	Has enthusiastic attitude toward ac	tivity coached.
COACH		DATE
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